Skills for English A1 Grammar List

This list provides a selection of grammar points that could appear in an A1 level Skills for English test. This list is for guidance purposes only and grammar not included in this list may also appear in A1 tests.

Tenses

Present simple:

I <u>eat</u> breakfast every morning. He <u>likes</u> ice cream.

Present continuous:

I am <u>eating</u> lunch right now. She is <u>reading</u> a book.

Past simple:

I <u>played</u> tennis yesterday. She <u>ate</u> pizza last night.

Verbs

Basic regular and irregular verbs:

She <u>has </u>a cat. I <u>am</u> happy.

There is/are:

<u>There is a fox in the garden.</u> <u>There are three pigs in the field.</u>

Modals

Basic modal verbs and their negatives:

She <u>can</u> play the drums. He <u>can't</u> go to school today.

Nouns

Singular nouns:

The <u>cat</u> is black. The <u>plant</u> is new.

Common regular and irregular plural

nouns:

<u>Dogs</u> are cute animals. There are three <u>babies</u>.

Personal pronouns:

<u>She</u> is my sister. <u>They</u> are friends.

Proper nouns:

New York is a big city. Sarah is 11 years old.

Possessives

Simple possessives:

That is <u>Mary's</u> car. The <u>dog's</u> tail is brown.

Possessive pronouns:

This is <u>my</u> book. Is this <u>yours</u>?

Articles

Definite article:

<u>The</u> book is on <u>the</u> shelf. <u>The</u> computer is broken.

Indefinite articles:

<u>A</u> dog is barking. <u>An</u> ant is small.

Adjectives

Describing nouns:

The red car is <u>fast</u>.
That's a <u>big</u>house.

Comparative and superlative:

The turtle is <u>slower</u> than the rabbit. This is the <u>biggest</u> cake.

Adverbs

Common adverbs

They moved <u>slowly</u>. She walked <u>quickly</u>.

Adverbs of degree:

The boy is <u>very</u>tall. I really like it.

Adverbs of frequency:

I <u>always</u> brush my teeth. They <u>sometimes</u> come on time.

Conjunctions

Combining simple sentences:

I like pizza <u>and</u> he likes chips. The cat is black <u>but</u> the dog is white.

Prepositions

Prepositions of place, e.g., in, under, on, near, next to, between, on the left/right:

The pen is <u>on</u> the desk. The cat is <u>under</u> the table.

Prepositions of time:

The film starts <u>at</u> 5 pm. We have class <u>on</u> Monday. The weather is nice in May.

Negation

Negative sentences:

I <u>don't</u> like bread. She <u>isn't</u> here.

Negative questions:

<u>Don't</u> you like pizza? <u>Isn't</u> he coming?

Questions

Yes/no questions:

<u>Is</u> it sunny today?
<u>Are</u> you coming?
<u>Do</u> you speak English?

'Wh' and 'How' questions:

What's your name?
Where do you live?
Why are you here?
Who is your friend?
How did you get here?